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**New Hampshire Veterans Home Making Final Preparations for the Second Annual Motorcycle
Poker Run on Saturday, June 11, 2005**

TILTON, NH – June 3, 2005 – The New Hampshire Veterans Home welcomes all riders to kick off Laconia Motorcycle Week by participating in the Second Annual Motorcycle Poker Run to be held on Saturday, June 11, 2005. Registration will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the New Hampshire Veterans Home located at 139 Winter Street in Tilton. All money raised will be contributed to the NHVH Benefit Fund to support quality of life initiatives for the Home's residents. Such programs are focused on creating the most homelike atmosphere through a variety of activities, entertainment, outings and equipment. The donation is \$20.00 per bike, and additional hands may be purchased for \$5.00. There will be cash prizes ranging from \$100 - \$500 awarded for best and worst poker hands as well as a 50/50 raffle.

Last year, over 200 participants joined with residents and volunteers for a scenic journey through the Lakes Region followed by an awards luncheon under the veterans home's picnic pavilion. The Second Annual NHVH Motorcycle Poker Run is sponsored by Arch Equipment & Truck, LLC; McLane Company; George A. Roberts; American Legion Auxiliary - Unit 32; Patriot Chemical; Quality Cash Market; The Welch Rabbit; Nam Knights; Vermont Pure Spring Water and by anonymous sponsors who wished to "honor all veterans" with their support. If you would like to volunteer or contribute to this

year's event, please contact Lisa-Marie Mulkern at 603-527-4400 or via e-mail at lisa-marie.mulkern@nhvh.nh.gov

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About the New Hampshire Veterans Home

The New Hampshire Veterans Home ("NHVH") was initially established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier's Home for Civil War Veterans. Today, the modern facility in its countryside setting is home to men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens. The mission of NHVH is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State's elderly and disabled veterans. NHVH is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans.

As a professional health care provider, NHVH offers a full range of services including residential, medical/dental and nursing care as well as physical/occupational therapy, recreation, and dietetic and social services. Chapel services, exercise groups, arts and crafts, shopping trips, live entertainment and various community outings support residents' quality of life. NHVH also offers inter-generational programs and animal-assisted recreational therapy.

Dedicated staff members work in partnership with volunteers from surrounding communities and numerous veteran service organizations to enrich our residents' lives. NHVH recently opened the 100-person Life Enhancement Dementia Unit to serve the long-term care needs of veterans who suffer from Alzheimer's and other related memory impairment disorders. The facility addition will enable NHVH to provide comprehensive long-term care services to a total of 250 Residents.

Additional information is available online at our website www.nh.gov/veterans

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